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Dr. John H. Scofield  
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. EPA-HQ-2013-009962

Dear Dr. Scofield:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request of September 14, 2013, for information related to the development of the ENERGY STAR Data Trends series of documents. The search for these documents, and process for review, is very time-consuming, and we appreciate your patience while we have conducted this work. At this time, we are still in the process of reviewing the records we have identified as being responsive to your request.

While that work continues, we would like to share some preliminary documents that we believe answer two of your main questions, specifically: (1) the mean ENERGY STAR scores for all buildings entered into Portfolio Manager of various types; and (2) the reason why EPA only prepared and releases fact sheets on a subset of building types. Attached you will find several records containing information relevant to these questions. One is a table with mean scores for many, but not all, building types. Data was only pulled at that time for those building types under initial consideration for analysis, thus not all are included. The second record is an e-mail describing priorities. You will see that the decision to produce only a limited set of documents was due to budget constraints related to sequestration. Our original plan was to release Data Trends for all building types and this is something we still hope to do in the future when funding is available.

We hope you find this information useful while we continue to review other materials under this request. Many of these materials are electronic files that contain a significant amount of identifying information about individual buildings, so we are working through the best way to mask the data and protect the identity of Portfolio Manager users so that it can be released in response to your request.

Due to the number and size of the files involved, the process of reviewing these files and ensuring this information is properly masked may take us several months. However, we may be able to expedite the process if you could be more specific as to

your needs. For example, if you are interested in seeing only a small number of data fields for each building, it may be faster for EPA to extract the fields you need into a new document than it will be for us to review and analyze all of the files and redact potentially identifiable information. We would appreciate it if you would let us know as soon as possible if you would like to provide us with a more narrow request so that we might prepare our response in a shorter amount of time. Please send your response to our FOIA Coordinator, Christina Tolson ([Tolson.christina@epa.gov](mailto:Tolson.christina@epa.gov)) so that we may continue work on this request.

You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov). Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the FOIA number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Craig". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Elizabeth Craig  
Director  
Climate Protection Partnerships Division